

FORT IRWIN, CALIFORNIA, HAS ONE OF THE ARMY'S TOP POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAMS. THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION AT FT IRWIN FINDS WAYS TO CUT WASTE AND CONSERVE ENERGY AND ELECTRICITY WHILE SAVING MONEY, ENVIRONMENTAL CORRESPONDENT JAVIER HERNANDEZ TELLS US HOW THEY DO IT.

THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS CALLS THE POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM AT FORT IRWIN, CALIFORNIA, ONE OF THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY. IRWIN'S NEIGHBORS AGREE.

"THEIR OPERATION AS A WHOLE HAS BEEN REALLY GOOD AND WE'VE BEEN PRETTY PLEASED WITH THE WORK THAT THEY'VE -- THAT THE ARMY BEEN DOING."

IRWIN IS ON TRACK TO MEET THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE GOAL OF REDUCING WASTE SHIPPED OFF POST BY 40 PERCENT, BY THE YEAR 2005. A BIG REASON IS THE POST RECYCLES JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING. AND WE DO MEAN EVERYTHING....

STUFF THAT GOES INSIDE YOUR HOUSE -- RECYCLED AT THE RECYCLING CENTER.

WASTED GENERATED OUTSIDE THE HOUSE --- RECYCLED AT THE COMPOST FACILITY.

ANTI-FREEZ – RECYCLED.

AT THIS WASH RACK; WATER, OIL AND MUD ARE CAPTURED AND SEPARATED ... AND YOU GUESSED IT RECYCLED.

CONTAMINATED SOIL FROM MAINTENANCE SPILLS -- RECYCLED IN COLD-MIX ASPHALT OR THE SOIL IS SENT TO THE LAND FARM FOR BIO-REMEDIATION -- WHERE BUGS IN THE SOIL ACTUALLY EAT THE CONTAMINANTS.

IRWIN'S PROGRAM ALSO HARNESSSES THE SUN TO SAVE ELECTRICITY, KEEPS A CLOSE WATCH ON HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, AND HAS RECEIVED AWARDS FOR AIR QUALITY FROM LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS FOUR YEARS IN A ROW.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM BEHIND IRWINS POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM SET GOALS BEYOND THE MINIMUM AND THEN RAISED THEIR GAME. THE RESULT IS NEARLY 3 MILLION DOLLARS IN SAVING, WHICH IS UNDENIABLE PROOF OF THEIR COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, JAVIER HERNANDEZ, FORT IRWIN CALIFORNIA.